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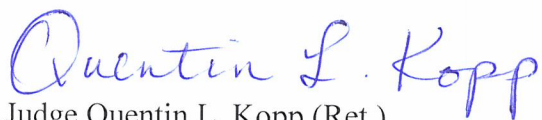
RE: AB 1479 (Support)

Dear Mr. Bonta,

As author of the last major revision of the California Public Records Act in 1998, I convey my strong support for AB 1479. I do not recall nearly 20 years ago discussion in either the Senate or Assembly about need to include penalties for non-compliance with the response time contained in Government Code Section 6253(c) or other Government Code provisions. That omission will be corrected by AB 1479. As a retired San Mateo County Superior Court Judge, 12-year State Senator, 15-year San Francisco Board of Supervisors member, and current member of the San Francisco Ethics Commission, I possess experience with public record requests and responses. The lack of any penalty for unlawful delay represents an interstice which AB 1479 corrects.

Please send me by U.S. Mail a copy of the Policy Committee analysis and notify me of the time and date of Committee consideration of AB 1479.

Yours truly,


Judge Quentin L. Kopp (Ret.)

cc: California First Amendment Coalition